DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) seeks written and oral comments from interested persons on the draft stressor analysis in support of the development of the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for Kits Creek in Lunenburg County. This stream is listed on the 2008 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report as impaired due to violations of the State's water quality standards for the aquatic life use due to poor health of the benthic macroinvertebrate community.

Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and §62.1-44.19:7.C of the State Water Control Law require the DEQ to develop TMDLs for pollutants responsible for each impaired water contained in Virginia's 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report. The stressor Analysis is the first step in the TMDL process.

The Kits Creek stream segment is located in Lunenburg County. It is 4.8 miles in length and begins at the headwaters and continues to the confluence with the North Meherrin River.

The first public meeting on the stressor analysis, which identifies the stressors to the benthic community in Kits Creek watershed will be held on:

July 16, 2015 6:00-8:00pm 2nd Floor/Courtroom, Lunenburg Courts Building 160 Courthouse Square, Lunenburg VA 23952.

In case of inclement weather, the alternate meeting date is:

July 21, 2015 6:00-8:00pm 2nd Floor/Courtroom, Lunenburg Courts Building 160 Courthouse Square, Lunenburg VA 23952.

The public comment period will begin on July 17, 2015 and end on August 17, 2015:

An advisory committee to assist in stressor analysis will be established. Persons interested in assisting should notify the DEQ contact person by the end of the comment period and provide their name, address, phone number, email address and the organization you represent (if any). Notification of the composition of the advisory committee will be sent to all applicants.

A component of a TMDL is the Waste Load Allocation (WLA); therefore, this notice is provided pursuant to §2.2-4006.A.14 of the Administrative Process Act for any future adoption of the TMDL WLAs.

Information on the development of the TMDLs for the impairments is available upon request. Questions or information requests should be addressed to the DEQ contact person listed below. Please note, all written comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to:

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